

# PROPOSAL – Willapa Bay Shoreline

733 Acres

## Conservation Values

- ESA listed green sturgeon, eulachon and coastal cutthroat
- Major resting area for waterfowl/shorebirds migration along the Pacific Flyway
- Preserves water quality flowing into Willapa Bay
- Wetlands, riparian and forested buffers

## Recreation Values

- Big game and waterfowl hunting
- Fishing
- Wildlife viewing





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Agency	Department of Fish and Wildlife
Estimated Acres	733
Existing Uses	Agriculture conversion and development Shellfish industry
Threats	Shoreline development and rising sea level from climate change
Intended Uses	Species protection and recreation
Project Description	This project will protect an assemblage of high quality wetlands, estuarine, salt marsh, riparian and upland buffers. This project will continue WDFW's acquisition emphasis throughout Willapa Bay. This area provides internationally significant feeding habitat for waterfowl and shorebirds migrating along the Pacific Flyway. Federally listed species include marbled murrelet, green sturgeon and eulachon. This project will protect National Ocean and Atmospheric Administration's Essential Fish Habitat for groundfish. Eelgrass beds in the area are valuable habitat particularly for eelgrass-dependent birds. Chinook, steelhead, chum, coho and coastal cutthroat populations are known to occur in Willapa Bay.
Partners/ Supporters	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Forterra, Wildlife Forever Fund, Tagney Jones Family Fund



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